

HERE ARE THE Facts ABOUT Gas House Heating

NATURAL GAS remains in short supply, and we won't be able to take on any more house heating customers for at least two or three years. If you are among the lucky ones who now heat their homes with gas, you will be interested in these facts about all types of house heating.

What does it cost to heat a home with natural gas today? Just what it cost to heat the same home with natural gas five or six years ago.

Gas rates for space heating are the same as in 1943, though our cost of supplying you with natural gas is much higher.

Everything that goes into your gas service is up. The cost of gas to us is up. Construction costs are up. Materials are up. Equipment is up. Wages are far above 1943 levels.

While the cost of natural gas to you has stayed down, the cost of competitive fuels—oil and coal—have skyrocketed. See the bar chart below for a comparison.

"What would you do—under these circumstances?"

UP 85%

UP 52%



BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

By James C. Gray
(A report on the proceedings of the district bridge tournament held recently at the Community House.)

Mary Fletcher is the club treasurer. She receives the playing fees and distributes the prizes. And if Mary doesn't have a little lamb as a partner, she may keep one of the prizes herself.

Which is precisely what happened on March 31. Mary Fletcher and Gull Rothfuss won the East and West match of a tenable game, with Mrs. Malcolm Duglas and Mrs. Fletcher Renton second, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beecher, third.

In the North and South position, Jean Hough and Hans Georgeson, with Mrs. N. F. Hadley and Mrs. G. P. Nelson second, and Mrs. M. Parker and Connie Sills third.

To the bridge enthusiast, Fifty-seventh Street in New York City does not mean Carnegie Hall, Greenwich Village uptown, and one man shaves of Salvador Dali or Aaron Bohrod. It means a series of bridge clubs many of which are owned or operated by internationally-known players.

Milton L. Coleman, co-author of one of the first books ever published on contract bridge, is the managing director of one of the clubs. The deal presented here with occurred in a game in which Coleman had (1) the south position, and (2) a partner who loves to bid.

NORTH
S—A 9 2
H—A Q 9 5
D—A J 10 9
C—Q 4

EAST
S—8 6 5 3
H—K
D—Q 8 7 6 5 4
C—K

WEST
S—8
H—J 10 4 3
D—3 2
C—10 8 7 6 3 2

EAST
S—J 8 6 5 3
H—K
D—Q 8 7 6 5 4
C—K

SOUTH
S—K Q 10 4
H—8 7 6 2
D—K
C—A 1 9 5

The bidding: South, one club; North, one heart; East, pass (the rabbit); South, two hearts; North, three diamonds; South, no-trumps; North, six no-trump.

West opened the diamond three dummy west down. South had troubles. Seven certain tricks—five to find. After cogitating he played low in dummy. East generously played the queen, and South the king, establishing two diamond tricks in dummy. Three to find.

South led a low heart, West ducked, and dummy's queen fell to East's singleton king. East led the spade five; South ducked, and West's eight fell to dummy's nine. Two to find. Dummy's club queen is led, and East's king fell to

Prague's UN Man



Vladimir Houdcek, formerly of the Czech Embassy in Washington, is the Communist Prague government's new representative to the United Nations. He replaces defiant anti-Communist Dr. Jan Papanek, who denounced the new regime.

South's ace, establishing the jack. One to find.

South then led three rounds of spades and a heart to dummy's ace, leaving the position:

NORTH
H—A
D—A J 10
C—4

EAST
S—J
H—8 7
D—8 7 6 5
C—9 5

SOUTH
H—8 7
D—8 7 6 5
C—9 5

East's hand was dead. And upon the lead of the three high diamonds in dummy, with the heart nine as a threat card, and an entry to South's clubs, West was hopelessly squeezed. He could not reduce his hand to two cards and protect both hearts and clubs.

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Skating Vanities Show at Olympia

The dazzling new edition of "Skating Vanities", colorful and musical roller skating revue, makes its annual appearance in Detroit when it opens its ten-day engagement at Olympia on Friday, April 16th, and continues through Sunday, April 25th, with matinees on Saturdays, April 18th and 25th.

With five previous editions of "Skating Vanities" having established a fool-proof entertainment

Formula, the 1948 production is the culmination of the most extensive preparations that have ever been put into the creation of any show. The cast contains, in addition to Gloria Nord, Hickey Meehan, Detroit's Melva Morque and other skating favorites, some very unusual novelties and foreign importations which were unobtainable during the war years.

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Increased COST OF HOUSE HEATING WITH Oil SINCE 1943

Oil for house heating costs almost twice as much today as it did in 1943. That's because the costs of production and distribution are up.

Increased COST OF HOUSE HEATING WITH DOMESTIC Coal SINCE 1943

Coal prices also have taken a big jump during the last few years. Miners' wages are up, freight rates are up. So are all the costs.

THERE HAVE BEEN No Increases IN GAS RATES TO OFFSET GREATLY INCREASED COSTS TO US

Natural gas for space heating still sells at the same old rate, though the cost of supplying you with this service is much higher than it was in 1943.

Natural gas is a superior fuel for house and other space-heating purposes, and might naturally be expected to command a higher price than other fuels. It sold on this basis in former years but today it is selling at rates far below the cost of fuels which do not offer equal advantages in cleanliness and convenience. This chart below tells the story. A thousand cubic feet of gas for house heating purposes still costs only 68 cents. Coal of equal heating value costs 88 cents, oil \$1.14.

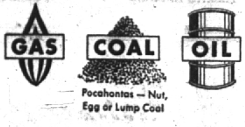
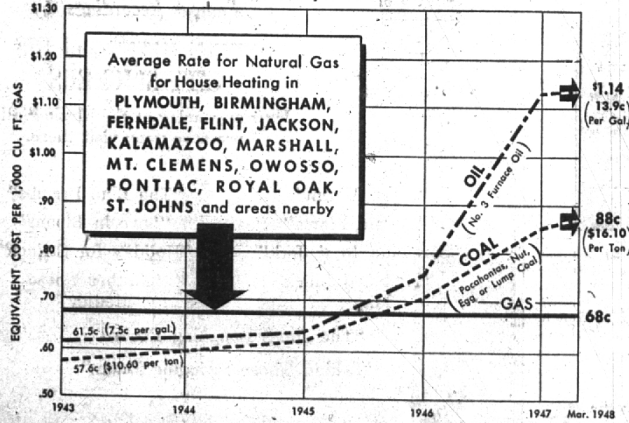


CHART SHOWING Comparative COST OF HOUSE HEATING - Expressed in Cents Per Thousand Cubic Feet, Natural Gas at Consumers Power Company's Present Rate Compared with the cost of today's OIL and COAL*



* Based on prevailing prices for Pocahontas lump coal and No. 3 furnace oil in this area, generally accepted efficiencies of gas, coal and oil furnaces, and the average amount of gas sold to space heating customers by Consumers in 1947.

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